

Existing law authorizes the conducting of slot machine gaming at eligible horse racing facilities.

Existing law defines an "eligible facility" as no more than one facility in St. Landry Parish, Bossier Parish, and Calcasieu Parish at which the La. State Racing Comn. has licensed the conduct or at which the commission has approved the future licensing of the conduct of not less than 80 days within a consecutive 20-week period each year of live horse race meetings.

New law includes a facility in Orleans Parish.

New law provides for nondiscrimination policies.

Existing law provides that an application may be approved by the board only after the electorate in the parish in which the eligible facility is located or, is proposed to be located, has approved the conduct of slot machine gaming at such facility at an election.

New law retains this provision of existing law and further provides that an application for an eligible facility in Orleans Parish may be approved by the board only after the Amended and Renegotiated Casino Operating Contract entered into pursuant to R.S. 27:201 et seq., on 10/30/98, as amended, effective 10/19/99, 3/29/01, and 3/31/01, has been further amended to provide that the inclusion, licensing, or operation of an eligible facility in Orleans Parish shall not constitute an Exclusivity Violation or prohibited land-based gaming as defined in such contract, as amended, following approval of such amendment by the Jt. Leg. Committee on the Budget as required by Act No. 1, Sec. 3(B) of the 01 1st ES.

New law further provides that a license issued by the board to conduct slot machine gaming at an eligible facility in Orleans Parish shall be subject to the following limitations regarding the number of slot machines which may be operated at the eligible facility:

- (1) On or after 7/1/03, the eligible facility shall be authorized to have a maximum of 300 slot machines at the eligible facility.
- (2) On or after 7/1/04, the eligible facility shall be authorized to have a maximum of 400 slot machines at the eligible facility.
- (3) On or after 7/1/05, the eligible facility shall be authorized to have a maximum of 500 slot machines at the eligible facility.
- (4) At any time after 7/1/05, in the event the gross gaming revenues of the casino gaming operator exceed \$350 million for any preceding 12-month period, the eligible facility shall be authorized to have a maximum of 700 slot machines.

New law provides that if the casino operating contract is terminated and the state of La. does not become a party to another casino operating contract which contains exclusivity provisions that the eligible facility shall not be subject to a limitation on the number of slot machines which may be placed in the designated gaming area.

New law provides that the board is expressly authorized to approve, execute, and implement an amendment to any of the provisions of the Amended and

Renegotiated Casino Operating Contract entered into on 10/30/98, as previously amended effective 10/19/99, 3/29/01, and 3/31/01, consistent with the provisions of new law and to issue or modify any regulatory provisions or approvals related thereto, following approval of such amendment by the Jt. Leg. Committee on the Budget as required by Act 1(B)(3) of the 01 1st ES. Excepts authority from R.S. 27:25 and 26 or any provisions of the APA.

Prior law provided that the state treasurer shall, each fiscal year, credit 5% of the state portion of taxable net slot machine proceeds collected from each licensed eligible facility to the following special funds:

- (1) The Bossier Educational Excellence Fund.
- (2) The St. Landry Parish Excellence Fund.
- (3) The Calcasieu Parish Excellence Fund.

New law specifies that the 5% credited to a fund in each parish is taken from the proceeds derived from the licensed facility in that parish.

New law changes the dedication in Bossier Parish from the Bossier Educational Excellence Fund (BEEF) to the Bossier Parish Truancy Program Fund, to be withdrawn pursuant to appropriation by the legislature and used solely by the district attorney in the 26th Judicial District to support a truancy program and truancy related matters within the 26th Judicial District. Interest earned on investment of fund money is credited to the fund and unexpended and unencumbered money remains in the fund at the end of the fiscal year.

Existing law dedicates the money in the St. Landry Parish Excellence Fund for the use of the St. Landry School Bd.

New law includes the La. Community and Technical College System as well as the school board in using the money in the fund solely for the construction and operation of a Career and Technology Center in St. Landry Parish to serve secondary and postsecondary students and provide occupational and workforce training. All courses of instruction at the center must be approved by the Bd. of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges. Authorizes appropriation of fund principle.

New law adds the Orleans Parish Excellence Fund as a recipient of 5% of the proceeds from the proposed facility in that parish. The La. Community and Technical College System may use the money solely for the construction and operation of an Allied Health and Nursing Program and campus in the parish to serve secondary and postsecondary students and provide occupational and workforce training. All courses of instruction provided in the program must be approved by the Bd. of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges. Interest earned on investment of fund money is credited to the fund and unexpended and unencumbered money remains in the fund at the end of the fiscal year.

New law includes the distribution of the portion of state taxable net slot machine proceeds to the Bossier Truancy Fund, the St. Landry Parish Excellence Fund, the Calcasieu Parish Excellence Fund, and the Orleans Parish Excellence Fund in the distributions that occur prior to distributions for expenditure pursuant to the powers of the La. Agricultural Finance Authority for boll weevil eradication and other agricultural programs.

New law adds, after all other specified distributions of net taxable proceeds are

fulfilled and prior to deposit of the remainder in the state general fund, a distribution, pursuant to annual appropriation, of \$50,000 to the Southern University Tourism and Marketing Program and \$50,000 for the Orleans Parish District Attorney's office.

Effective August 15, 2003.

(Amends R.S. 27:353(4) and 361(C), and 392(B)(2)(b), (3)(a), (b), and (c)(i) and (4) and (6); adds R.S. 27:363(C), 372.1 and 392(B)(3)(d) and (7))